Promotion of Vocational Courses in States

1413. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what facilities are being offered for promotion of vocational courses in Government and Private Junior Colleges in different States; and

(b) whether the vocational courses in Junior Colleges are trated at par with Arts and Science courses in the matter of salary of vocational teaching staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, vocational courses are introduced at the +2 stage either in Junior colleges, junior sections of degree colleges, intermediate colleges or higher secondary schools. Under this scheme financial and academic assistance is provided to the States/UT's for approved purposes. The pattern of financial assistance varies for different items of expenditure.

(b) Under the above Scheme it is recommended that full-time teachers of vocational courses should be qualified persons at the salaries prevalent in the School system. However, actual determination of the salary scale of vocational teaching staff is done by the respective State Governments/ UT's. The Scheme also envisages appointment of part-time teachers who may have special competence to teach vocational courses.

उत्तर प्रदेश के बांदा जिले में वन क्षेत्र का विनाश

1414. **श्री शांति त्यागी :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के बांदा जिले में वन विभाग के कर्मचारियों की मिलीभगत से वन क्षेत्र का भारी विनाश हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि वनों की कटाई से बांदा का पर्यावरणीय संतुलन बिगड़ गया है, तथा वहां गर्मियों में तापमान खतरनाक रीति से बढ़ रहा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं अथवा उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Chlorine in the Drinking water supplied to Civil Areas of Delhi Cantonment

1415. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chlorine contents present in drinking water supplied to the residents of Civil areas of Sadar Bazar and Gopi Nath Bazar in Delhi Cantonment is being checked periodically;

(b) if so, the quantity of chlorine mixed per thousand litres;

(c) whether on account of excess mixing of chlorine and bleaching powder, the residents have been made to suffer from diarrhoea, vomitting and stomachache;

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against the officials responsible therefor; and

(e) whether the Delhi Cantonment Board Health Authorities carry out surprise checks; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) 1 PPM (One part per million).

(c) No, Sir. No excess chlorine is mixed.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Surprise checks are made once in a fortnight. No irregularity has been reported.

Safai Karamcharis of Delhi Cantonment Board Suffering from Tuberculosis

1416. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly fifty per cent of the Safai Karamcharis working with the Delhi Cantonment Board are suffering from Tuberculosis (T.B.);

(b) if so, whether they have ever been examined by the T. B. Specialists;

(c) if not, the reason therefor; and

(d) what special steps are proposed to be taken by Government to check the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Information regarding this is not maintained by the Cantonment Board.

(b) They are provided free medical attention and treatment in the Cantonment General Hospital The patients suffering from acute diseases (including TB) are referred to Specialist Hospitals.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Preventive measures such as BCG injections are provided free of cost in the Cantt. Hospital. The Cantonment Board employees are also entitled for treatment in the Government Hospitals, which have adequate facilities for the treatment of this disease.

Ban on Hunting

1417. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban hunting in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, there is a complete ban on hunting except when necessary for saving human life and for scientific purpose of the species list the Schedule I of the Act. For other species, the State Governments are empowered under the Act to issue hunting licences. However, for species listed in Schedule V of the Act and which are vermins, no hunting lincece is required.

विश्व पुस्तक मेले में हुई आय और उस पर हुआ व्यय

1418. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास (एन० बी. टी.) द्वारा फरवरी, 1990 में दिल्ली में आयोजित नौवें विश्व पुस्तक मेले में हुई आय और व्यय का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) 1989-90 में विभिन्न देशों में आयोजित पुस्तक मेलों में भाग लेने वाले राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास के अधिकारियों के नाम क्या-क्या है तथा उन अधिकारियों पर हुये व्यय का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और